Votes were taken with the result that 68 were in favour and 71 against it.

Reply of Government.—Noted.

SUBJECT No. 13.

Widow Re-marriage Act.

Messrs. C. Krishnamurti, Law Association, Bangalore, and H. K. Veerabasaviah, Lingayet Education Fund Association, Bangalore.

Summary of discussion.—Widow Re-marriage Act may be introduced.

Reply of Government.—Recorded.

SUBJECT No. 14.

Amendment of the Breach of Contract Act.

(*a*) Messrs. H. Basavegowda and Subba Setty, Manjarabad taluk; B. Nanjegowda, South Mysore Native Planters' Association; Kesavadasaiengar and Dande Kesavachar, Belur taluk; B. Kesaviah, Chikmagalur taluk; Kalasegowda, Mudgere taluk; Chikkamallappa, Gundlupet taluk; and Mylarappa, Nagar taluk.

(*b*) Messrs. Revanasiddiah and Halappa, Honnali taluk.

(*c*) Mr. U. S. Shiva Rao, Chikmagalur municipality.

Summary of discussion.—(*a*) With a view to help the planting community who get their coolies chiefly from South Canara, the Breach of Contract Act may be made extraditable so as to apply to cases where such coolies, or their mestris abscond with advances.

(*b*) The Breach of Contract Act may be so amended as to apply to agricultural labour also.

(*c*) Section 1 of Act XIII of 1859 may be amended by the insertion of the words "in writing" after the word "contracted" and by the addition of a *proviso* that when the party proceeded against is a woman, only a summons shall isssue for her appearance.

Mr. Lake representing the South Mysore Planters' Association stated that the planters were all in favour of the introduction of an Act on the lines of the Madras Act of 1903 with suitable modifications to suit local conditions.

Mr. Vasudeva Rao, Chikmagalur, suggested that the limit of 10 acres prescribed in the Madras Act might be reduced to 5 acres.

Reply of Government.—After the receipt of the opinions called for from the Deputy Commissioners of the Planting Districts, the matter will be considered.

SUBJECT No. 15.

A Regulation to control the management of inam villages.

Messrs. B. Alasingrachar & Dodda Payanna, Hassan taluk.

Summary of discussion.—For want of introduction of Survey and Settlement into inam villages, dissensions among *vrittidars* have increased to a great extent, and consequently many an inam village has been reduced to a deplorable condition. In order to fulfil the objects of the grant of such villages, it is prayed that a suitable Regulation be framed to provide the necessary control in the proper management of such villages and also to enforce the maintenance of proper accounts connected therewith, and the introduction of Survey and Settlement.

Mr. Alasingrachar said that many inam villages were in a very unsatisfactory condition and that a Regulation was necessary to introduce Survey and Settlement compulsorily in inam villages with a view to define the

boundaries and the extent of the shares of each shareholder.

Mr. M. K. Krishnamurti suggested that steps might be taken to introduce in inam villages only Survey without Settlement operations which, in many cases, introduced discord in the relations between the inamdars and their tenants.

Reply of Government.—Noted.

SUBJECT No. 16.

A Regulation for controlling Kandharis, Kabulis, etc.

Mr. C. Narasimhaiya, Mysore District Board.

Summary of discussion.—It was represented last year in Subject No. 22 that a Regulation should be framed to control rowdy characters such as Kandharis, Kabulis and Beluchis and the Government was pleased to note the subject for its consideration. After the subject was discussed, a gang of Beluchis or Kandharis who were implicated in a dacoity case were arrested near Closepet. It is prayed that necessary steps be taken immediately to prevent further mischief.

Mr. C. Narasimhaiya and other members represented the hardship experienced by people in towns and villages owing to the troubles caused by gangs of Kandharis, etc., and stated that the Police and Magistracy who were few in number were powerless to curb their mischievous tendencies.

Reply of Government.—The matter will be considered. Instructions will be issued to District Officers inviting their attention to Section 43 of the Police Regulation and asking them to enforce the provisions thereof whenever necessary.

SUBJECT No. 17.

Amendment to Guardians and Wards Regulation.

Mr. C Krishnamurti, Law Association, Bangalore.

Summary of discussion.—Amendment of Section 34 of the Guardians and Wards Regulation, V of 1911, so as to enable the Court to proceed against the surety without the necessity of obtaining the assignment of the surety bond, is prayed for.

Reply of Government.—Noted.

SUBJECT No. 18.

Amendment of the Court Fees Regulation.

Messrs. J. Subba Rao, Krishisil pabhivardhaka Samaj, Chitaldrug, and M. B. Krishna Rao, Chitaldrug municipality.

Summary of discussion.—In suits for the possession of lands, court fee is levied on the assessment thereof for five years. But in suits for the possession of houses and building sites, it is levied on their market value. In assessing their value much time is lost, not to speak of the inconvenience caused to the parties. Besides, under the present system difficult questions of jurisdiction often arise in courts. It is therefore prayed that a stamp fee of five times the mohatarfa assessment be ordered to be levied.

Reply of Government.—Cannot be done.